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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Under the Tunney Act, I am complaining about the final judgement against Microsoft. Among its more serious problems:

- -There is no enforcement mechanism except further slogging through the courts, which will take many years. In the meantime, Microsoft will continue its anticompetitive practices.
- -The judgement allows Microsoft to retaliate against small OEMs who ship computers without Microsoft operating systems.
- -Competitors are prohibited from making Windows-compatible operating systems.
- -The judgement allows use of licensing terms which would prohibit running Microsoft and open-source software together at the same time

This judgement is basically a sellout to Bill Gates. If passed, the government would effectively be using its legal force to prop up Microsoft's monopoly, instead of encouraging competition (as is the stated purpose of the judgement).